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In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0018], as follows:

ASCMS dramatically improves the entire SCM pipeline efficiency, ~~X~~ getting the spare asset to the user with maximum affordable speed, returning the repairable back to a repair depot (Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or Government), replenishes the drawn down stock, and eliminates stove piping by sharing information. All vendors, suppliers and OEMs in addition to the military facilities are tied into the DSIS that drives the ASCMS, ~~X~~ except that special operations classified mission equipment TAV that is only available to authorized users. It accomplishes supply chain functions at minimum cost, with vastly reduced personpower, utilizing a minimum quantity of inventory assets and high-speed transportation from a minimum of storage facilities. The ASCMS software modules are designed in accordance with Open System Architecture (OSA) standards commonly used and widely supported interface standards, and meet OSA and interface standards that are supported by the market place. The software modules may be written/coded, or purchased modules used as is, or modified. The software module's protocol and data definitions must be fully compatible with embedding/interface with DSIS. ASCMS enables all applications to communicate with others by providing common interface applications, data definitions and communication protocols. They operate in combination with an integrated open standards interoperable DSIS, interfaced with an "as built-as-maintained" CM system and other interfaced supply support legacy/relational databases. An ASCMS provides to the requester the right quantity, in peacetime or wartime

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surge/sustainment/calm usage rate conditions, at the most affordable transportation that meets program TDDS on a fleet wide basis (not on a squadron level). It locates part availability through ~~it's~~ its TAV databases, whether it is in military storage, shipped direct from a supplier, or at a lateral/alternate source.